

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. The application is believed to be in allowable condition.

Claim 14 has been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 14 and intervening claim 13. Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be in allowable condition.

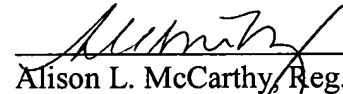
Claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, 15 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,941,168 (Kelly) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,319 (Cox). As indicated above, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 14 and is believed to be in allowable condition. Claims 3-7 and 10-12 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1 and are therefore patentable for at least the reasons that claim 1 is allowable. Claims 8, 13, 15 and 17-20 have been canceled without prejudice, rendering rejections as to these claims moot.

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelly in view of Cox, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,396,920 (Cox II). Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice, rendering the rejection of this claim moot.

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Applicants believe this application to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. To answer any questions, or otherwise further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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